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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of September 10, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reexamination and reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

<u>AMENDMENTS</u>

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 48.

Please amend the following claims:

5. (Amended) A maize plant, or parts thereof, having all the physiological and morphological characteristics of the plant according to claim 2.